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What is claimed is:

- 1. A method of eliciting an immune response against a bovine herpesvirus 1 comprising, combining at least one bovine herpesvirus 1 epitope and at least one heat shock protein to form a purified epitope/heat shock protein complex, and administering an immune system stimulating amount of said purified epitope-heat shock protein complex to an animal.
- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said bovine herpesvirus 1 epitope further comprises a supermotif.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said bovine herpesvirus 1 epitope further comprises an allele specific peptide motif.
- 4. The method of claim 3 wherein said allele specific peptide motif is selected from the group consisting of H-2D^d, H-2K^d, BoLA-A11, BoLA-A20, BoLA-HD1, BoLA-HD6 and BoLA-HD7.
- 5. The method claim 1, wherein the herpesvirus 1 epitope is between 5 and 25 amino acids in length.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the herpesvirus 1 epitope is between 5 and 15 amino acids in length.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the herpesvirus 1 epitope is between 8 and 10 amino acids in length.
- 8. The method of claim 1 wherein said epitope is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO. 1, SEQ. ID NO. 2 and SEQ. ID NO. 3.
- 9. The method of claim 1 wherein said heat shock protein is selected from the group consisting of HSP 60, HSP 70 and HSP 90 families.

- 10. The method of claim 9 wherein said heat shock protein is gp96
- 11. The method of claim 1 wherein said heat shock protein is a heterologous heat shock protein.
- 12. The method of claim 1 wherein said heat shock protein is a homologous heat shock protein.
- 13. The method of claim 1 wherein said epitope/heat shock protein complex is formed in vitro.
- 14. The method of claim 1 wherein said epitope/heat shock protein complex is formed in vivo.
- 15. The method of claim 1 wherein said epitope is a recombinant epitope
- 16. The method of claim 1 wherein said epitope is isolated from bovine herpesvirus 1.
- 17. The method of claim 1 wherein said epitope is a synthetic peptide
- 18. The method of claim 17, wherein said synthetic peptide is synthesized by solid phase chemistry.
- 19. The method of claim 1 wherein said animal is a ruminant.
- 20. The method of claim 19 wherein said ruminant is a Bovidae.
- 21. The method of claim 20 wherein said Bovidae is of the genus Bos.

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- 22. A method for eliciting an immune response to bovine herpesvirus 1 comprising, combining at least one bovine herpesvirus 1 allele specific peptide motif containing epitope of at least 8-10 amino acids long and heat shock protein gp96 to form a purified epitope/heat shock protein complex, and administering an immune system stimulating amount of said purified epitope-heat shock protein complex to a ruminant.
- 23. A composition comprising, a purified epitope/heat shock protein complex containing at least one bovine herpesvirus 1 epitope complexed with at least one heat shock protein, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.
- The composition of claim 23, wherein said bovine herpesvirus 1 epitope further comprises a supermotif.
- 25. The composition of claim 23, wherein said bovine herpesvirus 1 epitope further comprises an allele specific peptide motif.
- 26. The composition of claim 25, wherein said allele specific peptide motif is selected from the group consisting of H-2D^d, H-2K^d, BoLA-A11, BoLA-A20, BoLA-HD1, BoLA-HD6 and BoLA-HD7
- 27. The composition claim 23, wherein the herpesvirus 1 epitope is between 5 and 25 amino acids in length.
- 28. The composition of claim 23, wherein the herpesvirus 1 epitope is between 5 and 15 amino acids in length.
- 29. The composition of claim 23, wherein the herpesvirus 1 epitope is between 8 and 10 amino acids in length.
- 30. The composition of claim 23 wherein said epitope is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO. 1, SEQ. ID NO. 2 and SEQ. ID NO. 3.

- 31. The composition of claim 23, wherein said heat shock protein is selected from the group consisting of HSP 60, HSP 70 and HSP 90 families.
- 32. The composition of claim 31 wherein said heat shock protein is gp96
- 33. The composition of claim 23, wherein said heat shock protein is a heterologous heat shock protein.
- 34. The composition of claim 23, wherein said heat shock protein is a homologous heat shock protein.
- 35. The composition of claim 23, wherein said epitope/heat shock protein complex is formed in vitro.
- 36. The composition of claim 23/wherein said epitope/heat shock protein complex is formed in vivo.
- 37. The composition of claim 23 wherein said epitope is a recombinant epitope
- 38. The composition of claim 23 wherein said epitope is isolated from bovine herpesvirus 1.
- 39. The composition of claim 23 wherein said epitope is a synthetic peptide.
- 40. The composition of claim 39 wherein the synthetic peptide is synthesized by solid phase chemistry.